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**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND
REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009**
Resource Guide

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Dear Fellow North Carolinians,

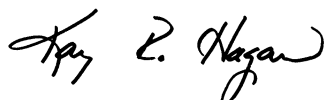
Many North Carolinians today are struggling to find and keep a job and put food on the table for their families. There are more than 490,000 unemployed North Carolinians, and our economic outlook could be described as bleak at best. When considering the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, inaction was not an option. I am proud that Congress passed, and President Obama signed, a historic \$787 billion recovery package in February that will put North Carolinians and Americans back to work and get our economy back on track.

In order to help North Carolinians take advantage of the recovery package, I have assembled this Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This guide compiles information on many federal programs and funding opportunities available to individuals, communities and businesses in North Carolina.

Through this legislation, North Carolina will be receiving \$6.45 billion in direct appropriations, as well as billions more in tax cuts and competitive grants. The recovery package is expected to create or save 105,000 jobs in our state, and I believe it is critical that North Carolinians have the information they need to quickly access and utilize these funds so we can put people back to work.

If you have questions, please contact my office at 1-877- 852-9462 or at www.hagan.senate.gov, or visit www.recovery.gov or www.ncrecovery.gov.

Sincerely,



U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan
United State Senator, North Carolina

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ARTS

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grants

\$30 million included for competitive awards through the National Endowment of the Arts

Agency: National Endowment of the Arts (NEA)

Description: Funds arts projects and activities which preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. These funds will be awarded through a competitive grant application process.

Note: All grants are non-matching.

Website: www.nea.gov/recovery
<http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Child Care and Development Block Grant

\$2 billion was included for the Child Care and Development Block Grant program

North Carolina will receive \$67.5 million in funding.

- Agency:** Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- State Administrator:** NC Department of Health and Human Services
- Description:** Provides subsidized child care services through vouchers or contracts with providers to low-income working families and low-income families in which parents are engaged in education or training.
- Contact:** Division of Child Development,
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
(919) 662-4499
- Website:** http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/parents/pr_sn2_ov_fa.asp

Head Start

\$2.1 billion was included for Head Start Program funding and the expansion of the Early Head Start Program

North Carolina will receive \$16.8 million in funding for the Head Start Program. The state will receive additional funds for the Early Head Start Program – the amount has not been determined yet.

- Agency:** Administration for Children and Families,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- State Administrator:** NC Department of Health and Human Services
- Description:** Funding is administered directly to Head Start programs in states to provide development, educational, health, nutritional, social and other activities that prepare children to succeed in school.
- Contact:** Khari Garvin, Director
North Carolina Head Start State Collaboration Office,

Office of School Readiness
(919) 431-2005

Website: <http://www.osr.nc.gov/HeadStart/index.asp>

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

\$1 billion was included for Community Services Block Grant Program

North Carolina will receive \$26.4 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

State Administrator:

NC Department of Health and Human Services

Description: Provides funding to local community action agencies for services for the growing number of low-income families hurt by the economic crisis, such as housing and mortgage counseling, jobs skills training, and food pantry assistance.

Contact: Office of Economic Opportunity,
NC Department of Health and Human Services
(919) 715-5850

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbG/index.html>
<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/oeo/CSBG/csbG.htm>

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

\$150 million was included for the Emergency Food Assistance Program

North Carolina will receive \$3.3 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department Agriculture

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Description: The Emergency Food Assistance Program provides funds to buy surplus food commodities for emergency food assistance providers such as food banks, soup kitchens, and violence prevention shelters for women and children.

Contact: Gary W. Gay, Director, Food Distribution Division,

North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
(919) 575-4490

Website: <http://www.agr.state.nc.us/fooddist/index.htm>

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program

\$100 million was included for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program

North Carolina will receive \$3.1 million in funding.

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

State Administrator:

Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Description: Provides grants to local nonprofit and faith-based organizations to supplement their programs for emergency food and shelter services, including short-term assistance with rent, mortgage, and utility bills. The Emergency Food and Shelter Program is administered by a National Board chaired by a representative from FEMA. Member agencies of the National Board include the American Red Cross; United Way of America; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; United Jewish Communities; and the Salvation Army. Grants are awarded to non-profit community and government organizations that are chosen by local boards in qualifying jurisdictions.

Contact: Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program
(703) 706-9660

Website: <http://www.efsp.unitedway.org/>
<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm>

Child Nutrition School Equipment Grants

\$100 million was included for the School Equipment Grants Program

North Carolina will receive \$2.9 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Description: Child Nutrition School Equipment Grants provide funding to schools for making necessary improvements to school kitchens in order to handle and process healthy foods. These funds are awarded based on a state competitive grant process.

Contact: Child Nutrition Services,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
(919) 807-3506

Website: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/childnutrition/>

Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

\$1.04 billion was included for Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

North Carolina will receive \$11.8 million in federal matching funding for state expenditures on Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance.

Agency: Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Description: Provides each state with a temporary increase in federal matching funds for state expenditures on Title IV-E foster care maintenance, adoption assistance, and kinship guardianship assistance payments. These Title IV-E programs help ensure the well-being of North Carolina's children and their families, including protecting children from abuse or neglect and ensuring that they have safe and permanent homes. To be eligible for this increased funding, states must maintain their Medicaid eligibility standards, methodologies, and procedures as they were in effect on July 1, 2008.

Contact: Administration for Children and Families, Region III
(404) 562-2800
Adoption Assistance, NC Division of Social Services
(919) 733-9464

Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/programs_fund/
<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/adopt/steps.html>

Nonprofit Organizations Capacity Building Grant Program

\$50 million was included for a new grants initiative for nonprofit organizations nationwide

- Agency:** Administration on Children and Families,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Description:** Creates a new initiative under Section 1110 of the Social Security Act to award capacity-building grants directly to nonprofit organizations. These competitive grants will be used to expand the delivery of social services to individuals and communities affected by the economic downturn.
- Contact:** Administration for Children and Families, Region III
(404) 562-2800
- Website:** <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/>

EDUCATION

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

\$53.6 billion was included to provide fiscal relief to States

North Carolina will receive \$1,420,453,671 in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

State Administrator:

Office of the Governor, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Description: The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund provides fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services. Also provides funding for elementary, secondary, and higher education, and for public safety and other government services, including higher education modernization.

The Governor may use 81.8% of the stabilization funds (\$1.16 billion) to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and some school construction and 18.2% of the stabilization funds (\$258 million) for public safety or other government services, which can include education and higher education modernization, renovation, and repair.

Note: The Governor must submit applications to the U.S. Department of Education describing how North Carolina will use its allocations.

Contact: Office of the Governor
(919) 733-4240
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
(919) 807-3300

Website: <http://www.governor.state.nc.us/>
<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/>

Special Education

\$12.2 billion was included for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

North Carolina will receive \$339,211,862 in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Description: Assists States and school districts with paying for the rising cost of special education for students with disabilities. The IDEA, Part B Grants to States program provides formula grants to assist the States in meeting the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities.

Contact: Exceptional Children's Division,
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
(919) 807-3969

Website: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/>

Education for the Disadvantaged

\$13 billion was included for Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

North Carolina will receive \$338.3 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Description: Provides funding to local educational agencies (LEAs) for programs that provide extra academic support to help raise the achievement of students at risk of educational failure or to help all students in high-poverty schools meet challenging State academic standards.

Contact: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
(919) 807-3300

Website: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/>

Education Technology

\$650 million was included for the Enhancing Education through Technology Program

North Carolina will receive \$16.4 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Description: The Enhancing Education through Technology Program supports State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology into curricula in order to improve teaching and learning. Funding shall be used for technology hardware, software applications, professional development and related instructional technology staff and services. These funds should be used to improve student academic achievement and ensure that students are college and workforce-ready by ensuring that every student has 21st - century skills and is technology literate. In addition, the funds should be used to increase ongoing and meaningful professional development around technology that leads to changes in teaching and curriculum and improves student achievement.

Contact: North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
(919) 807-3300

Website: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/cte/technology/>

Vocational Rehabilitation

\$540 million was included for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants

North Carolina will receive \$16.3 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

State Administrator:

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation,
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Description: This program provides grants to states to support a wide range of services. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for employment, and who require VR services. Priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities if a state is unable to serve all eligible individuals.

Contact: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services,
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
(800) 689-9090

Website: <http://dvr.dhhs.state.nc.us/>

Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants

\$100 million was included for the Teacher Quality State Grants Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Description: Provides grants to States to improve the quality of the teaching workforce. States may use grant funds to reform teacher licensing and certification requirements; provide alternative methods of teacher preparation; and provide alternative routes to State certification. The funds provided in the economic recovery bill will assist States in modernizing the teaching workforce, addressing teacher shortages, and providing new routes to teaching for jobless individuals seeking to enter the teaching field.

Contact: Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program,
Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
(202) 502-7676

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html>

Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

\$250 million was included for the Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Program

Agency: Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education

Description: Makes competitive grants to States to enable them to design and develop statewide longitudinal data systems that use individual student data for reporting and improving student achievement and to facilitate research to improve student achievement and close achievement gaps. With these grants, states could increase the capacity of their data systems, provide teachers the information they need to tailor instruction to help each student improve, and give administrators the resources and information to effectively and efficiently manage their data systems.

Contact: National Center for Education Statistics

(202) 502-7300

Website: <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/>

Student Financial Assistance

\$15.64 billion was included for the Pell Grant program. \$200 million was included for work-study programs. These additional funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn.

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

Description: To provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students. Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or work-study funds.

Contact: Office of Federal Student Aid, U.S. Department of Education
(800) 433-3243 or (800) 4FED-AID

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html>

ENERGY

State Energy Program

\$3.1 billion was included for the State Energy Program

North Carolina will receive \$76.4 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
State Administrator: North Carolina State Energy Office
Description: States use grants to address energy priorities and program funding to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.
Contact: Starlette Brown, Section Chief, State Energy Program
(919) 733-2230
Website: <http://www.energync.net/>
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>

Weatherization Assistance Program

\$5 billion was included for the Weatherization Assistance Program. Provisions also expand the eligibility of low-income households for the Weatherization Assistance Program and increasing the funding assistance level per dwelling (from \$2,500 per dwelling to \$6,500).

North Carolina will receive \$136.7 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
State Administrator: NC Department of Health and Human Services
Description: To assist low-income families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge.
Contact: Office of Economic Opportunity,
NC Department of Health and Human Services
(919) 715-5850
Website: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/oeo/WAP/weather.htm>

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

\$3.2 billion was included for EECBG

North Carolina will receive \$58 million in formula funds.

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities. Assists States and local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources.

Note: Congress appropriated \$3.2 billion for the EECBG Program, most of which (nearly \$2.7 billion) will be distributed through formula grants. The balance includes approximately \$455 million for competitive grants, which will be awarded through a separate Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) soon to be announced.

Contact: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463

Website: <http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>

Tribal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

\$64 million was included for tribes

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities. The program provides federal grants to units of local government, Indian tribes, states, and U.S. territories to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. Grant recipients could use funds to promote energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy programs and projects that are building blocks for a strong economy, curb use of fossil fuels, and improve environmental quality.

Contact: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463

Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Research

\$2.5 billion was included for research, development, demonstration, and deployment

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Programs: \$2.5 billion for applied research, development, demonstration and deployment activities at DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). Of this funding, \$800 million is set aside for biomass energy projects, \$50 million is set aside for information and communications technology efficiency, and \$400 million for geothermal energy projects. EERE's programs conduct activities in partnership with the private sector, state and local government, DOE national laboratories, and universities.

Contact: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463

Website: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/state_specific_information.cfm/state=NC

Biomass Program

\$800 million was included for projects related to biomass

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Description: Funds are to be used for research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels.
Contact: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463
eere_biomass@ee.doe.gov
Website: www.eere.energy.gov/biomass

Geothermal Technologies Program

\$400 million was included for geothermal activities and projects

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Description: Research, development and demonstration efforts that emphasize the advancement of enhanced geothermal systems.
Contact: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463
Website: www.eere.energy.gov/geothermal

Advanced Battery Manufacturing

\$2 billion was included for Advanced Battery Manufacturing grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy
Description: For the manufacturing of advanced vehicle batteries and components; and to provide facility funding to manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United States,

including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component manufacturers, and software designers. These funds will be distributed through competitive grants.

Contact: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463

Website: www.eere.energy.gov

Solicitation: Electric Drive Vehicle Battery and Component Manufacturing Initiative ,
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>
(Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000026)

Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program

\$300 million was included for the Alternative Fueled Vehicles Pilot Grant Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Establishes a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies. Eligible applicants for this competitive grants process are State governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities. Funding through this grant may be used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant is also eligible.

Contact: Clean Cities Program, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities
<http://www.afdc.energy.gov/cleancities/progs/coordinators.php#NC>

Solicitation: Electric Drive Vehicle Battery and Component Manufacturing Initiative,
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>
(Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000026)

Transportation Electrification

\$400 million was included for Transportation Electrification grant projects

- Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy
- Description:** This is a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment. Eligible applicants for this competitive grant program are States, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities.
- Contact:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463
- Website:** www.eere.energy.gov
- Solicitation:** Transportation Electrification,
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm> (Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000028)

Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program and Energy Star Program

\$300 million was included for the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate program and the Energy Star Program

- Agency:** U.S. Department of Energy
- State Administrator:** North Carolina State Energy Office
- Description:** Approximately 15 states have appliance rebate programs currently operating to incentivize the purchase of energy efficient appliances. This program would add federal funds to increase the effectiveness of these programs and to encourage the remaining states to adopt similar programs. This will speed the rollout of appliances that will be able to take advantage of smart meters and spur consumer purchases of smart and energy-efficient appliances.
- Contact:** Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy

(877) EERE-INFO / (877) 337-3463

ENERGY STAR Hotline

(888) 782-7937

Website: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/alternatives/rebates.cfm>
<http://www.energync.net/programs/residential.html>
www.energystar.gov/

Smart Grid Investment Program

\$4.5 billion was included for the Smart Grid Investment Program

Agency: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, U.S. Department of Energy

Description: To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes. Funds from this program may be used for research and development, pilot projects, and federal matching funds for the Smart Grid Investment Program to meet the goal of a modern electric grid, enhance security and reliability of energy infrastructure, and facilitate recovery from disruptions to the energy supply. The Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability projects are planned and implemented in concert with partners from other Federal programs; electric utilities; equipment manufacturers; regional, state, and local agencies; national laboratories; and universities.

Contact: Office of Electricity, Delivery and Energy Reliability
U.S. Department of Energy
(202) 586-1411

Website: www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm
[http://www.oe.energy.gov/DocumentsandMedia/EISA Title XIII Smart Grid.pdf](http://www.oe.energy.gov/DocumentsandMedia/EISA%20Title%20XIII%20Smart%20Grid.pdf)

Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

\$3.4 billion was included for Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Fossil Energy Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases. Eligible activities under this program include research and development partnerships, cooperative research and development agreements, financial assistance, and contractual arrangements with universities and the private sector.

Contact: Office of Fossil Energy,
U.S. Department of Energy
(202) 586-6660

Website: www.fossil.energy.gov
<http://fossil.energy.gov/fred/feprograms.jsp?prog=all&state=NC>

Science Program

\$1.6 billion was included for the science program

Agency: Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy

Description: The Office of Science manages fundamental research programs in basic energy sciences, biological and environmental sciences, and computational science.

Contact: Office of Science,
U.S. Department of Energy
(202) 586-5430

Website: http://www.sc.doe.gov/SC_Funding/nc/nc.htm
www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html

Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

\$400 million was included for the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Description: Funding for these projects support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy. Modeled after the Defense Research Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), ARPA-E will develop and deploy advanced energy technologies by identifying and promoting revolutionary advances in fundamental sciences, translating those discoveries into technological innovations, and accelerating transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake. Eligible applicants under this program include institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers.

Contact: U.S. Department of Energy
(800) dial-DOE / (800) 342-5363

Website: www.energy.gov

Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREB)

\$1.6 billion was included for the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds

Agency: U.S. Department of Treasury

Description: Allows cities, counties, and electric cooperatives to use bonds to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. North Carolina's cities, counties, and electric cooperatives will be able to compete to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

Website: Applications available from IRS (<http://www.irs.gov/>)

Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

\$2.5 billion included for the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

Agency: U.S. Department of Treasury

Description: Gives authority for which cities, counties, and electric cooperatives can compete to finance programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. North Carolina's cities, counties, and electric

cooperatives can compete to finance programs and initiatives designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Website: Applications available from IRS (<http://www.irs.gov/>)

ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

\$4 billion was included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

North Carolina will receive \$71.8 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Description: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest. Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, tribes, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.

Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.

Note: Waives mandatory 20% matching requirements for revolving funds. Requires at least 50% of the capitalization grants each State receives be used to provide assistance for additional subsidization (forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants, or any combination of these). Requires at least 20% of each Revolving Fund be available for projects for green infrastructure, water and/or energy efficiency, innovative water quality improvements, decentralized wastewater treatment, storm water runoff mitigation and water conservation, unless states lack applicants with these types of projects.

Contact: Mark Hubbard, NC Construction Grants and Loans Section, NCDENR
(919) 715-6224
EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Branch
(202) 260-7359

Website: <http://www.nccgl.net/fap/cwsrf/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

\$2 billion was included for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

North Carolina will receive \$66 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Description: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local clean and drinking water projects and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to repay a loan with interest. Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities, tribes, individuals, and others for high-priority water-quality activities.

Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems.

Contact: Public Water Supply Section, NCDENR

(919) 733-2321

EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

(202) 564-3750

Website: http://www.deh.enr.state.nc.us/pws/srf/Pages/dwsrf_program.htm
<http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/>

Brownfields Grants

\$100 million was included for Brownfields projects

Agency: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Description: Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will

capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.

Note: Waives cost-share requirement.

Contact: Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization
(202) 566-2777

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/http://ndep.nv.gov/BCA/brownfld.htm>

Diesel Emission Reduction Program

\$300 million was included for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Description: Funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs. Seventy percent of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to States with approved programs.

Note: Waives the State Grant and Loan Program matching incentive provisions of DERA.

Contact: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/ncdc-cmt.htm>

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/>

Construction Grants

\$2 billion was included for United States Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division

Description: Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection, ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes. Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects.

Contact: U.S. Army Corps, South Atlantic Division
(404) 562-5011

Website: <http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/>

Maintenance Grants

\$2 billion was included U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance activities

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division
Description: Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.
Contact: U.S. Army Corps, South Atlantic Division
(404) 562-5011
Website: <http://www.sad.usace.army.mil/>

Tribal Water Projects

\$60 million was included for water intake and treatment facilities.

Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior
Description: Reclamation, working with other agencies, supports rural water projects, including water intake and treatment facilities. Priority will be given to authorized rural water projects.
Contact: Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 513-0501
Website: www.usbr.gov

HEALTH

Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

\$86.6 billion was included for the Medicaid program.

North Carolina will receive \$2.25 billion in federal matching funding for the period of 10/1/2008 to 12/31/2010.

Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

State Administrator: NC Department of Health and Human Services

Description: Provides each state with an increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid expenditures in order to assist states with budget shortfalls avoid cutting back Medicaid assistance.

Note: States will be required to maintain at least current eligibility for the Medicaid program in order to receive this funding.

Contact: NC Division of Medical Assistance,
NC Department of Health and Human Services
(919) 855-4100 or (800) 662-7030

Website: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/medicaid/index.htm>

Community Health Center Infrastructure Grants

\$1.5 billion was included for Community Health Centers

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

State Administrator: NC Department of Health and Human Services

Description: To renovate clinics and make health information technology improvements. These funds will be distributed through a competitive grants process and are to be used for construction, renovation, and equipment, and for the acquisition of health information technology systems for community health centers, including health center controlled

networks receiving operating grants under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act.

Contact: Health Resources & Services Administration,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(877) 464-4772

Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

Community Health Center Services Grants

\$500 million was included for Community Health Center Services

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

State Administrator:

NC Department of Health and Human Services

Description: To increase the number of uninsured Americans who receive quality healthcare. These funds will be dispersed through a competitive grants process and are to be used to support new sites and service areas, to increase services at existing sites, and to provide supplemental payments for spikes in uninsured populations.

Contact: Health Resources & Services Administration,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(877) 464-4772

Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

National Health Service Corps

\$300 million was included for the National Health Service Corps

Agency: National Health Service Corps,
Health Resources and Services Administration

Description: These competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment programs will be used for training primary healthcare providers including doctors, dentists, and nurses as well as helping to pay medical school expenses for students who agree to practice in underserved communities through the

National Health Service Corps. This program is designed to address shortages of primary healthcare providers in specific health professional shortage areas.

Contact: Health Resources & Services Administration,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(877) 464-4772

Website: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>

Health Care Workforce

\$200 million was included for programs under Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act

Agency: Bureau of Health Professions,
Health Resources and Services Administration

Description: Monies delegated to this program in the Recovery Act were provided for training of health professions. These competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment programs will be used for all the disciplines trained through the primary care medicine and dentistry program, the public health and preventive medicine program, and the scholarship and loan repayment programs for nurses and health professions.

Contact: Health Resources & Services Administration,
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(877) 464-4772

Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm>

Biomedical Research

\$8.2 billion was included for expanding biomedical research funded by National Institute of Health

Agency: National Institutes of Health

Description: This funding is designed to expand jobs in biomedical research to study diseases. \$7.4 million will be distributed to specific Institutes and Centers

and to the Common Fund for biomedical research grants. \$800 million will be used by the Office of the Director for purposes that can be completed within two years, including short-term grants focused on specific scientific challenges, new research that expands the scope of ongoing projects, research on public and international health priorities, and to enhance central research support activities, centralized information support systems.

Contact: National Institutes of Health Grant Information
(301) 435-0714

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>

University Research Facilities

\$1.3 billion was included for the National Institute of Health to renovate and equip university research facilities

Agency: National Center for Research Resources,
National Institutes of Health

Description: These funds will be distributed using the competitive grants process and will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition of shared instrumentation and other capital research equipment.

Contact: National Center for Research Resources
(301) 435-0888

Website: <http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/>

Prevention and Wellness Program

\$1 billion was included for the Center for Disease Control for evidence based clinical and community prevention and wellness programs

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Description: Funds will dispersed through a competitive grants process to carry out evidenced based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies and public health workforce development activities, including

immunization programs and state efforts to reduce healthcare-related infections. This funding is designed to support state and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases. The Department has not decided which agencies will take the lead but the CDC is likely to be central to these efforts.

Website: <http://www.cdc.gov/>
<http://www.hhs.gov/>

Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

\$1.1 billion was included for HHS, the Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and NIH

Agency: Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Description: This funding, dispersed through a competitive grants process, will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose “one-size-fits-all” medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ, \$400 million will be transferred to NIH, and \$400 million will be allocated at the discretion of the Secretary of HHS.

Contact: Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality
(301) 427-1364

Website: <http://www.ahrq.gov/>
<http://www.nih.gov/>

Health Information Technology Grants

\$2 billion was included for health information technology (HIT) discretionary grants

Agency: Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Centers for Disease Control, and Indian Health Service/States or State-Designated Entities

Description: This funding promotes the use and exchange of electronic health information in a manner consistent with the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology's strategic plan. It also awards planning and implementation grants to states or qualified state-designated entities to facilitate and expand electronic health information exchange. And awards grants to states or Indian tribes to establish loan programs for health care providers to purchase certified electronic health record technology, train personnel in the use of such technology, and improve the secure electronic exchange of health information. To provide financial assistance to universities to establish or expand medical informatics programs.

Contact: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(877) 696-6775

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/>

Health Information Technology Improvements

\$17 billion was included to improve investments and incentives through Medicare and Medicaid to ensure widespread adoption and use of interoperable health information technology (HIT)

Agency: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS),
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Description: Provides incentives for the early adoption and use of interoperable HIT to Medicare and Medicaid providers and penalties in future years for providers not demonstrating meaningful use of Electronic Health Records. Provides eligible professionals who show meaningful use of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) in 2011 or 2012 with incentive payments of \$18,000 in the first year. Payment adjustments for eligible professionals not demonstrating meaningful use of an EHR would begin in 2015. It also provides eligible hospitals (including Critical Access Hospitals) with incentive payments starting in Fiscal Year 2011 and payments adjustments for hospitals not demonstrating meaningful use of an EHR in Fiscal Year 2015.

Contact: Regional CMS Office for NC – Region III (Atlanta)
(404) 562-7150

Website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/RegionalOffices/Downloads/AtlantaRegionalOffice.pdf>

COBRA Continuation Coverage

\$24.7 billion was included for COBRA Continuation Coverage

Agency: Group Health Plan, U.S. Department of Labor

Description: Recession-related job loss threatens health coverage for many families. This provision is intended to provide targeted assistance to individuals and families who have been involuntarily terminated to enable them to afford premium payments for health insurance coverage under COBRA. To provide individuals and their families with a premium subsidy of 65% of the COBRA continuation premiums for a maximum of 9 months of coverage only with respect to involuntary terminations that occurs on or after September 1, 2008, and before January 1, 2010. The full premium subsidy is limited by a taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI), \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for joint filers and is phased out for individuals with an AGI between \$125,000 and \$145,000 and families with an AGI between \$250,000 and \$290,000. It provides a special 60-day election period for a qualified beneficiary who is eligible for a subsidized premium and who has not elected COBRA continuation coverage as of the date of enactment or who is no longer enrolled on the date of enactment, for example, because the beneficiary was unable to continue paying the premium.

Note: Individuals need not apply for this subsidy prospectively. Beginning March 1st, qualified recipients who elect COBRA coverage should see the subsidy reflected in their monthly COBRA bill. The subsidy will be available for the next nine months, but is only available to individuals (1) who involuntarily lost their jobs, (2) whose AGI meets the requirements described above as determined on their federal 2009 or 2010 income tax submissions, and (3) who have not been offered insurance from a subsequent employer. In addition, partial subsidy recipients will receive the full COBRA subsidy and are then required to reconcile the difference between the full subsidy and partial on their 2009 or 2010 tax return (whichever year(s) the subsidy is received). Similarly, individuals that

receive the subsidy but whose income exceeds AGI thresholds described above are required to repay the value of their subsidy on their 2009 or 2010 tax return.

Contact: (866) 4-USA-DOL

Website: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm>

Facilities Construction

\$415 million included for facilities construction, to be distributed as follows: \$227 million for 2 new facilities on the Indian Priority Facilities List, \$100 million for Maintenance and improvements, \$68 million for construction, repair and maintenance of Sanitation Facilities, and \$20 million for purchase of Medical Equipment.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Description: The objectives of the Indian Health Service (IHS) health facilities management, health care facilities construction, sanitation facilities construction, and environmental health services programs are: (1) to provide optimum availability of functional, well-maintained IHS and tribally-operated health care facilities and adequate staff housing at health care delivery locations where no suitable housing alternative is available; and (2) to reduce the incidence of environmentally-related illness and injury by: (a) determining and addressing factors contributing to injuries; (b) working with the tribes to improve environmental conditions; and (c) constructing sanitation facilities and ensuring the availability of safe water supply and adequate waste disposal facilities in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) homes and communities. Funding will be used for facilities construction projects, deferred maintenance and improvement projects, the backlog of sanitation projects, and the purchase of equipment.

Contact: Randy Grinnell, Deputy Director,
Management Operations Indian Health Service
(301) 443-1083

Website: www.hhs.gov/recovery

HOUSING

Public Housing Capital Fund

\$4 billion was included to be distributed to public housing agencies for capital repairs and improvements to federally-subsidized public housing

\$1 billion was also included for competitive grants for priority investments, including that leverage private-sector financing for renovations and energy conservation retrofits

North Carolina will receive \$83.8 million in funding.

- Agency:** Office of Public and Indian Housing - Office of Capital Improvements, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Description:** Provides funding to local housing agencies to repair and replace aging housing. To make capital repairs and improvements to public housing, including energy conservation measures.
- Contact:** Christian T. Stearns, NC HUD Field Office Director
(336) 547-4000
- Website:** <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/index.cfm>
<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=nc>

Assisted Housing Stability, Energy, and Green Retrofit Investment Stimulus Program

\$250 million was included for this program

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- Agency:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Affordable Housing Preservation
- Description:** Grants and loans will be made available through HUD's Office of Affordable Housing Preservation (OAHP) for eligible property owners to make energy and green retrofit investments in the property, to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the property, the continued operation and maintenance of energy efficiency technologies, and the timely expenditure of funds.
- Website:** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/aheretrofith.cfm>

Homelessness Prevention Fund

\$1.5 billion was included in funding distributed through the Emergency Shelter Grants program to prevent and combat homelessness during the economic crisis.

North Carolina will receive \$29.2 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
Description: Provides funding assistance to individuals and families to avoid or escape homelessness. Awarded funds can be used for short- or medium-term rental assistance; housing relocation and stabilization services such as housing search and security or utility deposits; and other homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities.
Contact: NC HUD Field Office
(336) 547-4000
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/>

Community Development Block Grants

\$1 billion was included in formula funds to be distributed to local communities and states for community development and affordable housing activities

North Carolina will receive \$19.4 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
State Administrator: North Carolina Department of Commerce
Description: To develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. Grantees must ensure that at least 70 percent of its Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) grant funds are used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
Contact: Gloria Nance-Sims, Director
NC Division of Community Assistance
(919) 733-2853
Website: www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/

<http://www.nccommerce.com/en/CommunityServices/CommunityDevelopmentGrants/>

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

\$2 billion was included in for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program

- Agency:** Office of Community Planning and Development,
U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
- Description:** Competitive grants to assist states, local governments, and nonprofit in the purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed properties in order to create affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight. Funds can be used by grantees to purchase and redevelop foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitate abandoned or foreclosed-upon homes, establish land banks, demolish blighted structures, and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing.
- Contact:** NC HUD Field Office
(336) 547-4000
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(202) 708-1112
nsp-questions@hud.gov
- Website:** <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/>

Lead Hazard Reduction Program

\$100 million was included for lead hazard reduction grants

- Agency:** Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control,
U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development
- Description:** Competitive grants funds are available to local governments and non-profit organizations to remove lead paint hazards in low income housing. First priority for available funding will be given to 2008 grant applicants who were qualified but unfunded due to funding limitations.
- Contact:** NC HUD Field Office

(336) 547-4000
Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm>

Housing Improvement Program

\$20 million was included for distribution by Bureau of Indian Affairs for housing

Agency: U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Description: The Housing Improvement Program provides grants to eligible Tribes for housing repairs and renovations of existing homes, or for construction of a house for families who do not own a home but have ownership of sufficient land suitable for housing. Program funds are distributed regionally, and then based on individual income eligibility.
Contact: Les Jensen, Program Manager Housing Improvement Program,
Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs
(202) 513-7620
Website: <http://www.doi.gov/bia/>

Indian Housing Block Grants

\$255 million was included for tribes eligible for NAHASDA block grants

North Carolina tribes will receive \$6.5 million, per the statutory formula.

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description: The Native American Housing Block Grant program funds new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, including energy efficiency and conservation, and infrastructure development activities. Funds can also be used to leverage private sector financing for new construction, renovation and energy retrofit investments. In selecting projects to be funded with Recovery Act funds, recipients shall give priority to projects for which contracts can be awarded within 180 days from the date that such funds are available to the recipient.
Contact: Office of Native American Programs,
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(202) 401-7914 / (202) 401-7915 / (202) 401-7916

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm>

Indian Housing Competitive Grants

\$255 million was included for tribes eligible for NAHASDA block grants to apply for competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: The Native American Housing Block Grant program funds new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, including energy efficiency and conservation, and infrastructure development activities. Funds can also be used to leverage private sector financing for new construction, renovation and energy retrofit investments. Funds will be distributed regionally, with projects awarded on a competitive basis. The competitive grants will go to support projects that spur construction and rehabilitation of homes and eligible projects, and create employment opportunities.

Contact: Office of Native American Programs,
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(202) 401-7914 / (202) 401-7915 / (202) 401-7916

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/grants/>
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery>

JOB TRAINING & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Employment Training Services – Adult

\$500 million was included for the Adult State Grants

North Carolina will receive \$10.4 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Commerce

Description: Formula funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations. To train unemployed adults and ensure that supportive services and needs-related payments are available to support the employment and training needs of priority populations, including recipients of public assistance and other low-income individuals.

Contact: JobLink Career Center, North Carolina Department of Commerce
(919) 733-4151

Website: <http://old.ncjoblink.com/centers2/centerview.asp?type=j>
<http://www.nccommerce.com/en/WorkforceServices/FindInformationForIndividuals/JobLinkCareerCenters/>

Employment Training Services - Dislocated Workers

\$1.25 billion was included for the Dislocated Workers State Grants

North Carolina will receive \$39.8 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Commerce

Description: Assures that supportive services and needs-related payments that may be necessary for an individual's participation in job training are a part of the dislocated worker service strategy.

Contact: JobLink Career Center, North Carolina Department of Commerce
(919) 733-4151

Website: <http://old.ncjoblink.com/centers2/centerview.asp?type=j>

<http://www.nccommerce.com/en/WorkforceServices/FindInformationForIndividuals/DislocatedWorkerToolkit/>

Employment Training Services – Youth

\$1.2 billion was included for Youth Services Grants

North Carolina will receive \$25.3 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Commerce

Description: Creates summer employment opportunities for youth and language applying the work readiness performance indicator to such summer jobs is included as an appropriate measure for those activities. Year-round youth activities are also envisioned. With these additional funds, the age of eligibility for youth services now goes through age 24 to allow local programs to reach young adults who have become disconnected from both education and the labor market.

Contact: JobLink Career Center, North Carolina Department of Commerce
(919) 733-4151

Website: <http://old.ncjoblink.com/centers2/centerview.asp?type=j>
<http://www.nccommerce.com/en/WorkforceServices/FindInformationForIndividuals/YouthAges1421/>

Employment Services

\$400 million was included for Wagner-Peyser employment services

North Carolina will receive \$10.9 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

State Administrator:

The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

Description: Formula funding to states for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment and training opportunities that will facilitate their reentry to employment.

Contact: Individual Services,

The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
(877) 841-9617

Website: <http://www.ncesc.com/individual/jobSearch/jobSearchMain.asp>

Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve

\$200 million was included for DOL National Emergency Grants

Agency: Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

Description: These funds will allow the Secretary of Labor to award competitive national emergency grants to respond to plant closings, mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.

Contact: One-Stop Career Center Help Line
(877) 872-5627

Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/>
<http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>

YouthBuild

\$50 million was included for the YouthBuild Program

Agency: Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

Description: These competitive grant funds will provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing. YouthBuild grantees will also be able to serve individuals who have dropped out of school and reenrolled in an alternative school, if that reenrollment is part of a sequential service strategy.

Contact: One-Stop Career Center Help Line
(877) 872-5627

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm

Green Jobs Training

\$500 million was included for grants to train workers in energy efficiency and renewable energy jobs

Agency: Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
Description: These competitive grant funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.
Contact: One-Stop Career Center Help Line
(877) 872-5627
Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/>

Job Corps Program

\$250 million was included for the Office of Job Corps

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor
Description: These competitive grant funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth. The funds will allow the Office of Job Corps to move forward on a number of ready-to-go rehabilitation and construction projects, including those where competitions have already been concluded.
Contact: Office of Job Corps, U.S. Department of Labor
(202) 693-3000
national_office@jobcorps.gov
Website: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/>

Unemployment Insurance

Included provisions to extend the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program (33 weeks) and provides \$25 more a week in Unemployment Insurance benefits to recipients

North Carolina will receive \$14.8 million in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

State Administrator:

The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

Description: Unemployment Insurance (UI) is temporary income for workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who are either looking for new jobs, in approved training, or awaiting recall to employment.

Regular UI is a state funded program that provides up to 26 weeks of benefits. Emergency UI is a federal funded program created in 2008 to provide additional benefits of up to 33 weeks of benefits for those living in states with high unemployment. Both are administered by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

Note: The current federally-funded emergency UI program (which provides up to 33 weeks of extended benefits) is scheduled to begin to phase out at the end of March 2009. The proposal would use general revenues to extend the program through December 31, 2009.

Contact: Individual Services,
The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
(877) 841-9617

Website: <http://www.ncesc.com/individual/default.asp>

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers

Included provisions to expand the eligibility and benefits of the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and reauthorizes the program through December 31, 2010

Agency: Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

State Administrator:

North Carolina Employment Security Commission

Description: This program assists workers at firms who have become (or are threatened to become) fully or partially separated from employment due to trade with foreign countries. It also extends TAA program to cover workers at affected public agencies, as well downstream service providers. Workers (3 or more) must apply for a TAA eligibility designation from the Secretary of Labor. The program provides qualified workers with compensation, health care tax credits, relocation allowances, training allowances, alternative TAA benefits (for workers over 50) and other services.

Contact: Grover Houck, TAA Coordinator

North Carolina Employment Security Commission
(919) 733-6745

Website: <http://www.ncesc.com/individual/training/taa.asp>
<http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact>

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities

\$150 million was included to create the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities program

Agency: U.S. Department of Commerce

Description: Provides technical assistance to affected communities to identify impediments to economic development that result from the impact of trade, and develop a community strategic plan to address economic adjustment and workforce dislocation in the community. Communities provide the Secretary of Commerce with a strategic plan for community redevelopment. Communities must match 5% of the funds allotted by the Commerce Department.

Contact: U.S. Department of Commerce
(202) 482-2000

Website: <http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm>

Sector Partnership Grants

\$40 million was included to establish and authorize the Sector Partnership Grant program

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Description: Establishes a Sector Partnership Grant program that allows the Secretary of Labor to award industry or sector partnership grants to facilitate efforts of the partnership to strengthen and revitalize industries. Funds will be used to facilitate partnerships between industry, State and local governments, firms, local labor and workforce investment boards, and educational institutions to strengthen and revitalize industries. Grants may be used to help the partnerships identify the skill needs of the targeted industry or sector and any gaps in the supply of available, skilled workers in the community impacted by trade. They may also be

used to implement and develop strategies for small-and medium-sized firms to increase their productivity and retain workers.

Contact: (877) US-2JOBS

Website: www.dol.gov

Community College and Career Training Grants

\$40 million included for the Community College and Career Training Grants program

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor

Description: Allows educational institutions to apply for grants which will be used to develop or improve a program for workers eligible for the TAA for Workers Program. Grant proposals must include information regarding the manner in which the grant will be used to improve or develop an education or training program, the extent to which the program will meet the needs of workers in the community, the extent to which the proposal fits into a communities strategic plan or Sector Partnership Grant, and any previous experience of the institution in providing such services to TAA eligible workers.

Contact: (877) US-2JOBS

Website: www.dol.gov

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms

\$50 million was included to reauthorize the program through 2010 and increase the funding authorization for FY 2009 and 2010

Agency: Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

Description: Provides consulting services to firms whose workers have been certified TAA eligible. Consulting services are administered through non-profit Trade Adjustment Assistance Centers (TAACs). There are 11 TAACs nationally, which receive funding through the Economic Development Agency. When workers are certified by the DOL to be TAA benefit eligible, the Secretary of Commerce is required to reach out to the firm to notify it of its potential TAA eligibility. A final determination of eligibility is then made by the Secretary of Commerce. Grants for those eligible

firms are made available by the Secretary to the 8 regional Economic Development Administrations, who then divide funding to the 11 regional TAACs, which provide various services to firms in order to increase their competitiveness.

Contact: Marla Gorges, Program Director
Southeastern Trade Adjustment Assistance Center
(404) 894-6787
setaac@edi.gatech.edu

Website: www.setaac.org

PUBLIC SAFETY

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

\$53.6 billion was included to provide fiscal relief to states

North Carolina will receive \$1,420,453,671 in funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Education

State Administrator:

Office of the Governor, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Description: The State Fiscal Stabilization Fund provides fiscal relief to the States to prevent tax increases and cutbacks in critical education and other services. And also provides funding for elementary, secondary, and higher education, and for public safety and other government services, including higher education modernization.

The Governor may use 81.8% of the stabilization funds (\$1.16 billion) to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and some school construction and 18.2% of the stabilization funds (\$258 million) for public safety or other government services, which can include education and higher education modernization, renovation, and repair.

Note: The Governor must submit applications to the Department of Education describing how North Carolina will use its allocations.

Contact: Office of the Governor
(919) 733-4240
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
(919) 807-3300

Website: <http://www.governor.state.nc.us/>
<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/>

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

\$210 million was included for the firefighter assistance grant program for fire station construction

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Description: Competitive grants to provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations. Each grant may not exceed \$15 million.

Contact: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Help Desk
(866) 274-0960
firegrants@dhs.gov

Website: www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/

SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant Program

\$210 million is available in FY2009 funding

Agency: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Description: The grant program is designed to help fire departments increase the number of trained “front-line” firefighters available in their communities.

Note: The Recovery bill waives the cost-share requirement for SAFER grants awarded with fiscal year 2009 and 2010 funding.

Contact: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Help Desk
(866) 274-0960
firegrants@dhs.gov

Website: www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

\$2 billion included for Byrne/JAG program

North Carolina will receive \$55.3 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

State Administrator: North Carolina Department of Crime Control & Public Safety

Description: Formula funding to state and local police forces to help prevent, fight, and prosecute crime. Eligible law enforcement programs include: prosecution and courts; prevention and education; corrections and

community corrections; drug treatment and enforcement; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; crime victim and witness programs. Funds can be used to pay for personnel, overtime, and equipment. Funds provided to states can be used for statewide initiatives, technical assistance and training, and support for local and rural jurisdictions.

Contact: Eileen M. Garry, Deputy Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
(202) 307-6226

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html>
<http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/>

Byrne Competitive Grants Program

\$225 million included for the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Description: The Byrne grants are used to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crime, support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth, and for other similar activities. In order to stabilize state, tribal, and local governments and fight crime, funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including equipment, operations and support for other associated law enforcement personnel (such as prosecutors, public defenders, etc.). These funds can also be used to pay overtime expenses of officers on multi-jurisdictional task forces.

Contact: Bureau of Justice Assistance
(866) 859-2687
Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

\$1 million included for the COPS Hiring Grants program

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Description: Competitive grants funding that may be used for hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers. State, local, and tribal law enforcement are eligible for this program.

Note: The \$75,000 per officer salary cap and the 25% local match requirement is waived for funding provided in the stimulus, fiscal year 2009 and 2010 bills.

Contact: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS),
U.S. Department of Justice
(800) 421-6770
ask.Cops@usdoj.gov

Website: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>
www.cops.usdoj.gov
http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/Cong_Conf_Calls/Quick_Facts/NCqf.pdf

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

\$175 million included for the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Assistance Program

North Carolina will receive \$4.8 million in formula funding.

Agency: Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice

State Administrator: North Carolina Department of Crime Control & Public Safety

Description: The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. The STOP Program encourages the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. STOP formula grants are intended for use by states and territories; state, local and tribal courts (including juvenile courts); Indian tribal governments; local governments; and nonprofit, nongovernment victim services programs. Recipients are required to meet one or more of 14 statutory purpose areas. These areas include, but are not limited to: training law enforcement officers, judges,

court personnel and prosecutors; developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs; developing, installing or expanding data collection; and developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.

Contact: Misty Arnold, VAWA Administrator
North Carolina Department of Crime Control & Public Safety
(919) 733-4564

Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm

Transitional Housing Assistance Program

\$50 million was included for transitional housing assistance grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Description: Provides competitive, peer-reviewed grants to assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services. Funds may be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to locate and secure permanent housing and integrate into a community by providing those individuals with services such as transportation, counseling, child care services, case management, employment counseling, and other assistance. Eligible recipients include states, units of government, Indian tribes, and other organizations, including domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers, domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations.

Contact: Office on Violence Against Women,
U.S. Department of Justice
(202) 307-2277

Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing_grant_desc.htm

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program

\$50 million was included for the Internet Crimes Against Children Program

North Carolina will receive \$744,080 in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice
State Administrator: North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
Description: Funds help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders who use the Internet, online communication systems, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children.
Contact: Kelly Moser, Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge
North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
(919) 716- 0487
Website: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/programs/index.html>

Victims Compensation

\$100 million to be used for victims of crimes

North Carolina will receive \$1.9 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice
State Administrator: North Carolina Department of Crime Control & Public Safety
Description: To support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, drunk driving, homicide, and other Federal and state crimes.
Contact: Victims Compensation Services Division,
North Carolina Department of Crime Control & Public Safety
(800) 826-6200 / (919) 733-7974
Website: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc
<http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/index2.cfm?a=000003,000016>

Indian Jails Construction

\$225 million included for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Justice, and tribes to coordinate building efforts

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice
Description: The Department of Justice is directed to coordinate with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on prioritizing projects funded under this Act. In assessing an area's need, consideration must be given to detention bed space needs and violent crime statistics of applicant tribes.
Contact: Julius Depree, Policy Advisor for Corrections
U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice
(202) 514-1928
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html>

Tribal Governments Grant Program

\$20.8 million was included for the Tribal Government Grant Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice
Description: The Tribal Governments Grant Program enhances the ability of Tribes to respond to violent crimes against American Indian and Alaska Native women, enhance victim safety, and develop education and prevention strategies. Eligible applicants include federally recognized Indian Tribes, their authorized designee, or a consortium consisting of two or more federally recognized Tribes. The OVW will award competitive grants, whose funds must be used for VAWA prevention efforts and prosecution of offenders.
Contact: Tribal Unit, Office on Violence Against Women,
U.S. Department of Justice
(202) 307-3911 / (202) 307-2277 (TTY)
Website: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/indian-tribal-gov-grant.htm>
<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/TribalCol.htm>

Tribal Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Grants

\$2.8 million included for the Tribal Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Justice
Description: The purpose of the Tribal Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Grant Program is to assist in the creation of nonprofit

coalitions whose mission is to help end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Eligible applicants are established nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions addressing domestic violence and/or sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

Contact: Tribal Unit, Office on Violence Against Women,
U.S. Department of Justice
(202) 307-3911 / (202) 307-2277 (TTY)

Website: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/TribalCol.htm>
<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm>

SMALL BUSINESS

Micro-Loan Program

\$6 million was included for direct loans provided under the Microloan program

- Agency:** U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Description:** SBA provides small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) that, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.
- Note:** \$24 million was included to support technical assistance associated with increased microloan activity.
- Contact:** U.S. Small Business Administration Answer Line
(800) U-ASK-SBA / (800) 827-5722
North Carolina District Office
(704) 344-6563
- Website:**
www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html
<http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/nc/index.html>

7(a) Loan Guarantee Program

\$375 million was included for temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program

- Agency:** U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
- Description:** This program ensures small businesses maintain access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.
- Note:** Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program. SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans.

Contact: U.S. Small Business Administration Answer Line
(800) U-ASK-SBA / (800) 827-5722
North Carolina District Office
(704) 344-6563

Website: www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/
<http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/nc/index.html>

504 Loan Program

\$375 million was included for the temporary fee reduction for the 7(a) loan guarantee program and the 504 loan program

Agency: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: Funding included to ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans for fixed asset projects. 504 loans may be used for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment. Fees total approximately three (3) percent of the debenture and may be financed with the loan.

Note: Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 504 loan program.

Contact: U.S. Small Business Administration Answer Line
(800) U-ASK-SBA / (800) 827-5722
North Carolina District Office
(704) 344-6563

Website: www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html
www.sba.gov/localresources/district/nc/index.html

Business Stabilization Program

\$225 million was included for the Business Stabilization Program

Agency: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description: Provides loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial hardship. Funds may be used to make periodic payment of principal and interest, either in full or in part, on an existing small business loan for no more than 6 months.

Contact: U.S. Small Business Administration Answer Line
(800) U-ASK-SBA / (800) 827-5722
North Carolina District Office
(704) 344-6563

Website:
www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html
www.sba.gov/localresources/district/nc/index.html

Indian Guaranteed Loan Program

\$10 million was included to expand the Indian Guaranteed Loan Program

Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Description: Created to stimulate and increase Indian entrepreneurship and employment through establishment, acquisition or expansion of Indian-owned economic enterprises, the program provides guaranteed loans for tribes and Indian-owned businesses. Frequently, borrowers leverage loan funds to secure other sources of federal and private funds. Recovery funds are available to guarantee business loans for tribal and individually-owned Indian businesses.

Contact: Bob Middleton, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development
U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 208-5324
Eastern Regional Credit Office
(615) 564-6790

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/bia/docs/Loan%20Guaranty%20Brochure.pdf>

TRANSPORTATION

Highway Improvement Programs

\$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment

North Carolina will receive \$735.5 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT)

Description: For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems. NC DOT is currently working with State officials, the Legislature, and Regional and Local Transportation Commissions to develop a list of priorities. In order to be eligible for funding, projects must be listed on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), have completed their federal environmental review, and identified/acquired right of way.

Contact: Terry Gibson, State Highway Administrator
NC Department of Transportation
(919) 733-9428

Website: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/>

Transit Capital Assistance

\$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants

North Carolina will receive \$103 million in formula funding.

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

State Administrator:

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Description: These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities. Funding will be distributed under existing urban and rural Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formulas.

Contact: North Carolina Department of Transportation
(877) DOT-4YOU
Website: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/>

Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)

\$750 million was included for capital investment grants

Agency: Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation
Description: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guide way system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities. Funds are distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction. Funding is distributed through formula grants. The formula sets aside a certain amount of money to urban and rural transportation systems.
Contact: Federal Transit Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
(202) 366-4020
Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html

Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants

\$100 million was included for transit capital assistance grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Description: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.
Contact: Federal Transit Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
(202) 366-4020
Website: www.fta.dot.gov

National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants

\$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Description: Funding will be allocated to state and local governments for projects that have a large-scale or regional impact. Funding is available for highway, rail, and public transportation projects among others. The DOT is still in the process of publishing guidelines for distributing this funding.
Contact: Bob Bini, U.S. Department of Transportation
(202) 366-4000
Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm>

Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

\$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Description: The Capital Assistance to States—Intercity Passenger Rail Service program provides grants on a discretionary basis to states to fund necessary capital improvements to improve intercity passenger rail service. Grants under this program are awarded to the most meritorious projects as measured against statutory criteria. Discretionary grants to States to provide capital assistance for improving intercity passenger rail service as well as maintaining existing passenger rail corridors.
Contact: Federal Railroad Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
(202) 366-4000
Website: www.fra.dot.gov<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>

Capital Grants to Amtrak

\$1.3 billion included for capital grants to Amtrak for security and non-security improvements

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Purpose: To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives and passenger cars).

Note: Funds cannot be used for Amtrak's operating losses.

Contact: Federal Railroad Administration,
U.S. Department of Transportation
(202) 366-4000

Website: <http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30>
<http://www.amtrak.com/pdf/factsheets/NORTHCAROLINA08.pdf>

Tribal Transit Set-Aside

\$17.25 million is included to increase capital improvements under the Tribal Transit Program

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Description: The goals of the Tribal Transit Program: 1) to enhance the access of public transportation on and around Indian reservations in non-urbanized areas to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services, and recreation; 2) to assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems in rural and small urban areas; 3) to encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all Federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in non-urbanized areas through the coordination of programs and services; and 5) to provide for the participation of private transportation providers in non-urbanized transportation to the maximum extent feasible. Funds will be distributed on a competitive basis. Funds under this Act may be used for capital improvements, but not operating expenses.

Contact: Lorna Wilson, Non-Urbanized Area Formula Grants
Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation
(202) 366-0893

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Road Maintenance and Repair

\$143 million was included for repair and maintenance of BIA-maintained roads

Agency:	Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Department of Interior
Description:	The BIA Road Maintenance Program funds maintenance and repair of BIA transportation facilities, certain tribal transportation facilities, BIA road systems and related road appurtenances, highway bridges and drainage structures, and other uses identified in 25 C.F.R. Part 170. In addition, IRR High Priority Program assists tribes or tribal consortium whose annual allocation for roads construction/maintenance (under the IRR formula funding) is insufficient to complete a tribe's/consortium's highest priority project or assists tribes when emergency/disaster repairs to IRR projects are necessary. Funds For BIA-maintained roads, the Agency anticipates that approximately \$70 million will be disbursed to regions by historical allocation. The other \$70 million will go towards high-priority projects.
Contact:	LeRoy Gishi, Division Chief for Transportation Bureau of Indian Affairs (202) 513-7711
Website:	http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

INTERIOR

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

\$5 million was included for the Food Distribution Program

North Carolina tribes are eligible for up to \$85,000.

- Agency:** Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Description:** The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) provides commodity foods to low-income households, including the elderly, living on Indian reservations, and to Native American families residing in designated areas near reservations and in the State of Oklahoma. Funds under this Act are to be used to upgrade facilities and equipment used for FDPIR. Programming priorities should be communicated with the local FDPIR administrator and regional FNS office.
- Contact:** Don Arnette, Regional Administrator
Food and Nutrition Service Southeastern Regional Office
(404) 562-1801
- Website:** http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/recovery/memos/FDPIR_022609.pdf

Native Elder Nutrition

\$3 million was included for expanding nutrition programs

- Agency:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Description:** This program awards grants directly to Tribes and Tribal organizations and native organizations for nutrition services (including congregate and home delivered meals), information and assistance, transportation, and in-home supportive services. Most sites provide hot congregate meals four to five times a week. Home-delivered meals are available for elders who are in poorer health, are more functionally impaired, are more apt to be homebound and in need of transportation services, or in need of in-home supportive services. Funds will be used to expand nutrition

services. Current recipients of these funds will be eligible to receive funding.

Contact: M. Yvonne Jackson, Director
Office of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Programs
Administration on Aging
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(202) 357-3501

Website: <http://www.aoa.gov/prof/aoaprogram/natives/native.aspx>

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Management of Lands and Resources

\$125 million was included for the management of lands and resources BLM-wide

Agency: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

Description: This funding is intended for resource management activities on BLM administered lands. The BLM has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and create lasting value for the American public. The BLM is provided flexibility to determine the allocation of this funding among states and programs. They will be considering deferred maintenance, abandoned mine and well site remediation, road and trail maintenance, watershed improvement, and high priority habitat restoration, as well as other resource management activities.

Contact: Eastern State Offices, Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
(703) 440-1710

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery>
<http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en.html#>

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Construction

\$180 million was included for construction projects BLM-wide

Agency: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

Description: This funding is intended for construction activities on BLM lands. The BLM has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and create lasting value for the American public. The BLM is provided flexibility to determine the allocation of this funding among states and programs. They will be considering construction, reconstruction, decommissioning and repair of roads, bridges, trails, property, and facilities and energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities, critical deferred maintenance projects, and remediation of abandoned mine and well sites on all BLM - managed lands.

Contact: Eastern State Offices, Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
(703) 440-1710

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery>
<http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en.html#>

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – Wildland Fire Management

\$15 million was included for wildland fire management projects BLM-wide

Agency: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

Description: This funding is intended for wildland fire management on BLM lands. These funds are to be used for high priority hazardous fuels reduction projects on BLM lands.

Contact: Eastern State Offices, Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
(703) 440-1710

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery>
<http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en.html#>

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) – Resource management

\$165 million was included for resource management FWS-wide

Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Description: This funding is intended for FWS resource management. The FWS has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and create lasting value for the American public. The FWS is provided flexibility to determine the allocation of this funding among regions and programs. They will be considering priority critical deferred maintenance and capital improvement projects, construction, and high priority restoration projects on National Wildlife Refuges, National Fish Hatcheries, and other FWS properties.

Contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Southeast Region
(404) 679-4000

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery>
www.fws.gov/southeast

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) – Construction

\$115 million was included for construction FWS-wide

Agency: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Description: This funding is intended for FWS construction projects. The FWS has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and create lasting value for the American public. The FWS is provided flexibility to determine the allocation of this funding among regions and programs. They will be considering critical deferred maintenance and capital improvement projects, construction, reconstruction and repair of roads, bridges, property, and facilities and energy efficient retrofits of existing facilities and energy conservation projects and habitat restoration on National Wildlife Refuges, National Fish Hatcheries and other FWS properties.

Contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Southeast Region
(404) 679-4000

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery>
www.fws.gov/southeast

National Park Service (NPS) – Operations

\$146 million was included for operations NPS-wide

Agency: National Park Service

Description: This funding is intended for NPS operations. The NPS has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and create lasting value for the National Park System and its visitors. The NPS is provided flexibility to determine the allocation of this funding among regions and programs. They will be considering deferred maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of facilities, trails and other critical infrastructure repair and rehabilitation projects.

Contact: National Park Service Headquarters
(202) 208-6843
Southeast Regional Office
(404) 562-3100

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery>

National Park Service (NPS) – Construction

\$589 million was included for National Park Service Construction

Agency: National Park Service

Description: This funding is intended for NPS construction. The NPS has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and create lasting value for the National Park System and its visitors. The NPS is provided flexibility to determine the allocation of this funding among regions and programs. They will be considering deferred maintenance, repair and rehabilitation of facilities, trails and other critical infrastructure and repair and rehabilitation projects.

Contact: National Park Service Headquarters
(202) 208-6843
Southeast Regional Office
(404) 562-3100

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery>

United States Geological Survey (USGS) – Surveys, Investigations, and Research

\$140 million was included for surveys, investigations, and research, USGS-wide

Agency: United States Geological Survey

Description: This funding is intended for surveys, investigations, research, and repair, construction and restoration of USGS infrastructure. The USGS has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to maximize jobs and provide lasting improvement to our Nation's science capacity. The USGS will consider a wide variety of activities, including repair, construction and restoration of facilities; equipment replacement and upgrades including stream gages, seismic and volcano monitoring systems; national map activities; and other critical deferred maintenance and improvement projects that can maximize jobs.

Contact: U.S. Geological Survey
(888) ASK-USGS / (888) 275-8747
Eastern Region Office
(703) 648-4000

Website: <http://www.doi.gov/recovery>

U.S. Forest Service (FS) – Capital Improvement and Maintenance

\$650 million was included for Capital Improvement and Maintenance FS-wide

Agency: U.S. Forest Service

Description: This funding is intended for FS capital improvement and maintenance. The FS has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and create lasting value for the American public. The FS is provided flexibility to determine the allocation of this funding among regions and programs. They will be considering priority road, bridge and trail maintenance, decommissioning, reconstruction and capital improvement, including

related watershed restoration and ecosystem enhancement projects; facilities improvement and deferred maintenance and renovation including alternative energy technologies; remediation of abandoned mine sites and other related critical habitat and forest improvement projects; and support costs necessary to carry out this work.

Contact: U.S. Forest Service National Office
(800) 832-1355
Southern Region Office
(404) 347-4177

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/recovery>
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/>

U.S. Forest Service (FS) – Wildland Fire Management on Federal Lands

\$250 million was included for wildland fire management projects on FS land

Agency: U.S. Forest Service

Description: This funding is intended for FS wildland fire management efforts on FS lands. The FS has been directed to use these funds for hazardous fuels reduction, forest health protection, rehabilitation and hazard mitigation activities on Federal lands.

Note: Please see the FS wood-to-energy grants category.

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Southern Region Office
(404) 347-4177

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/recovery>
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/>

U.S. Forest Service (FS) – Wildland Fire Management cooperative activities on State and Private Lands

\$250 million was included for wildland fire management cooperative activities on State and private lands

Agency: U.S. Forest Service

- Description:** This funding is intended for FS wildland fire management assistance programs on State and private lands. The FS has been encouraged to weigh the capacity of proposals to create the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time and create lasting value for the American public. The FS is provided flexibility to allocate funds among existing State and private assistance programs to choose programs that provide the maximum public benefit. They will be considering hazardous fuels reduction, forest health and ecosystem improvement activities on State and private lands using all authorities available to the FS.
- Note:** Funds provided for activities on State and private lands shall not be subject to matching or cost share requirements. Please also see the FS wood-to-energy grants category.
- Contact:** U.S. Forest Service National Office
(800) 832-1355
Southern Region Office
(404) 347-4177
- Website:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/recovery>
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/>

U.S. Forest Service (FS) – Wood-to-Energy Grants

Up to \$50 million was made available of the \$500 million combined total for FS Federal, State and private land wildland fire management activities

- Agency:** U.S. Forest Service
- Description:** This funding is intended to establish a stable, broad-based program utilizing wood as an alternative to fossil fuels (wood-to-energy). Funds will be use to develop and offer competitive wood-to-energy grants to promote increased utilization of biomass from Federal, State, and private lands.
- Note:** The funds available for these grants are a subset of the combined totals identified above for FS land and State and private land wildland fire management activities.
- Contact:** U.S. Forest Service National Office
(800) 832-1355
Southern Region Office
(404) 347-4177

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/recovery>
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/>